

THROGHS OF THIRSTY HOPE FOR ANOTHER VOTE IN WEST VA.

Petitions Throughout State Call
Upon Governor to Demand
That Legislature Act.

"DRYS" SEE TRICK FOR OHIO

Prohibitionists Claim Movement
Is Intended to Influence
Buckeye State Election.

PARKERSBURG, W. Va., Aug. 27.—After an experience of about fourteen months under probably the most drastic prohibition law in the United States, a considerable number of West Virginians appear to be in rebellion against its continuance, and are now asking for an opportunity to rescind the State-wide prohibition act.

Petitions are in circulation throughout the State, calling upon Governor Hatfield to convene the legislature in special session for the purpose of providing for a vote of the people on the question of repealing the prohibition amendment to the State constitution. Hundreds of signatures to this petition have been obtained in Parkersburg alone, 150 names having been appended to a single copy of the petition.

Many thousands are reported to have gone on record within a week in the State at large, favoring another vote on the subject in the light of more than a year's experience.

Many persons who have not been asked to sign the petitions have voluntarily sought those having copies, and have asked permission to sign them. The petition appeared simultaneously in all parts of the State, and the number of signers has surprised those who are back of the effort to ascertain the sentiment of the people now that a fair trial of the new law has been given.

Allied With "Dry." There isn't a chance that the governor will call the legislature in extra session to consider a return to the liquor license system, for in his race for the United States Senate the governor has allied himself with the "dry" element, which has nothing to gain by another vote, and might possibly lose if a vote should be taken.

But the signing of the petitions indicates a revulsion of feeling on the liquor question, and shows that the days of "wet and dry" agitation in West Virginia are not ended, and that prohibition has not pleased all the people.

The "dry" element is belittling the movement to bring about another wet and dry election, and is claiming that the petitions are not being signed in good faith. Advocates of prohibition are asserting that the petitions for another vote on the question are simply being circulated for the effect they may have on the wet and dry election to be held in Ohio this fall.

They allege that if it can be herded through the State of Ohio that West Virginia has tried prohibition and is seriously considering its repeal, it will have a powerful effect on the State's nearest neighbor when the subject of prohibiting the sale of liquor is before the people for determination.

Backed Up By Facts. As a result of almost fourteen months of absolute prohibition in West Virginia, both the "wets" and the "drys" have facts and figures with which to support their arguments. One side claims the new law has been the most successful of any prohibition law ever enacted. The other side claims it has been failure in every respect, having greatly increased taxation without any benefit to the people of the State.

The "wets" in their petition for another vote on the subject, assert that the last year has shown that prohibition does not prohibit; that the State is full of bootleggers at great cost to the taxpayers, and that the State has not improved either morally or financially under the operation of the new law, but that taxation has increased enormously, bringing the State to the verge of bankruptcy.

It has been but a few weeks since the State commissioner of prohibition caused to be published figures on the number of arrests in the principal cities of West Virginia for the first year under prohibition, compared with the number under the last year of the license period. The figures showed a considerable falling off in the total number of arrests in the year, and especially in the number of arrests for drunkenness.

The State lost \$600,000 a year when the people voted to abolish liquor licenses and prohibit the sale of all alcoholic drinks.

State Tax Increased. Partly as a result of this decrease in revenues, the State tax has been increased in four years from 1 cent on the \$100 valuation to 14 cents on the \$100. In addition to this, many expenses formerly borne by the State are now charged up to the counties, so that county taxes have increased as well as State taxes, and all over the State the taxpayers are complaining of the burdens which have been placed upon them. As the prohibition laws have not prevented the individual who wants liquor from getting them, and as they have increased taxation greatly, it is not surprising that there is a strong element in favor of returning to the old license system.

But the advocates of prohibition say that all increase in taxation is more than offset by the moral benefit to the community generally of the new law. They claim there is much less drinking and vastly less drunkenness than under the license system, with a corresponding decrease in crime, and that this more than makes up for any loss of revenue.

"This movement," said Fred O. Blue, State prohibition commissioner, "was born out of the State, and is being largely financed by outside liquor interests. The persons active in behalf of the proposition to hold another elec-

tion are either in the employ of outside liquor dealers or have been in the liquor business themselves, and want to get back into the business again. Some of the Ohio liquor dealers and the wet organization in Ohio are back of this movement for the purpose of using it in their campaign this fall to show that the people of this State are dissatisfied with prohibition.

"It is purely an effort to manufacture evidence. The outside liquor men have learned a lesson from the former liquor dealers of this State, that prohibition does prohibit, and that if West Virginia continues to demonstrate this example will be followed by other States. The liquor people recognize that they must either enforce prohibition in this State or its success will ultimately destroy them. Liquor men throughout the country are merely trying to head off the danger by recognizing West Virginia as the only State to be the business."

The prohibition law has provided State soldiers for an army of officers, whose duties consist of trying to apprehend violators of the law. In spite of this the sale of liquors is said to be large, especially along the border line, where it is not far to the saloons of neighboring States.

The only way in which a person in West Virginia can legally have liquor in his possession is by getting it out of the State and get it for his own use, bringing it back into the State in person. The law makes it a punishable offense to have in one's possession intoxicating liquors brought into the State by common or other carrier. But the papers frequently tell of the capture of wagon loads of liquors, or of cellars found to contain vast quantities of whiskey and beer, so that apparently the sale of liquors has not been stopped, although it may have been lessened.

While there is strong opposition to the new law, a large element would like to see it put to another vote, after more than a year's experience. It is doubtful if there have been sufficient changes in the law to make amendment to the constitution was adopted in 1912, to wipe out the more than \$2,000,000 majority which was given then to the prohibition amendment. The time there is widespread belief that if another vote could be had now on the question, the majority would be very small in favor of prohibition, although it probably would carry.

Liquids May Be Sent To Nearby Countries

Liquids, oils, pastes, salves, and other articles easily liquidifiable may be sent by parcel post, beginning September 1, from this country to the Bahamas, British Honduras, Costa Rica, Curacao, Danish West Indies, Jamaica, Newfoundland, and Trinidad, the Postoffice Department announced today.

Heretofore international parcel post commerce has been with Austria, Brazil, Germany, Great Britain, and Norway.

GIRL'S ASSAILANT IS HANGED IN MARYLAND

Several Scows Fitted Up For
Spectators—Large Crowd
Witnesses Execution.

DENTON, Md., Aug. 27.—Wish Sheppard, colored, paid the penalty on the gallows here at 8 o'clock this morning for criminally assaulting a fifteen-year-old girl on July 15.

There was a large crowd here for the hanging, but no demonstration, although the trial was marked by threats of mob violence.

Long before the time set for the hanging every tree and house-top near the scaffold, which had been erected about fifty yards from the jail, was filled with people.

Sheppard spent a sleepless night, most of it devoted to prayer, and refused to eat breakfast.

Several scows had been fitted up for spectators, and seats at twenty-five cents each were eagerly snatched up. The rear of the jail yard borders on the river.

Sheppard confessed his guilt to Sheriff Templeton and his deputy.

President Remits Fine Against Chicago Man

President Wilson has remitted the fine of \$5,000 against David Shapiro, of Chicago, in connection with a two-year sentence, for concealing taxable spirits from taxation.

Shapiro was convicted in 1912 and originally was sentenced to pay a \$10,000 fine. His first conviction was set aside and subsequently he was committed with the Treasury Department by paying \$5,000.

Later he was tried and convicted. He then appealed against the payment of the \$5,000 fine on the grounds that he had already paid the Treasury Department that amount.

In remitting the fine the President made the condition that Shapiro should execute a written relinquishment of the money previously paid into the Treasury.

CHANGES ANNOUNCED IN INTERIOR DEPT.

Number of Resignations, Promotions, and Transfers Are Made By Secretary Lane.

The following list of appointments, promotions, and resignations among employees in the Interior Department were announced today by Secretary Lane:

Appointments, General Land Office—Mason B. Leming and Jules A. Gillis, copist, \$900 and \$750, respectively; Geological Survey, William P. Stranahan, copper-plate map engraver, at \$2 a day; reclamation service, Miss Ruth Skinner, under clerk, \$900; Bureau of Mines, Ernest L. Tarof, junior explosives engineer, at Pittsburgh, \$1,200; William H. Nelson, laborer, \$3 a month. Temporary appointments—General Land Office, Miss Emma I. Windsor, copist, \$750; Patent Office, Miss Gertrude Condon, copist, \$900.

Reinstatements, Geological Survey—David Neumann, clerk, \$1,650.

Promotions, Land Office—Henry Goldman, copist, \$720 to \$900; Patent Office, William E. Gaines, copist, \$900 to clerk, \$1,000; and Joseph P. Haas, copist, \$720 to \$900.

Transfers—Gilbert L. Ball, from Warm Springs Indian School, Oregon, to clerk, \$1,200, Indian Office, and Paul De Hart, from Patent Office, to clerk, \$900, Indian Office; Helen M. Selfert, from Patent Office, to clerk, \$1,200, Pension Office; William H. McFarland, from War Department, to

clerk, \$1,200, General Land Office, and Francis Sheridan, from War Department to copist, \$750, Patent Office.

Resignations—Indian Office, M. P. Rasmussen, clerk, \$1,200, and H. J. Schuster, clerk, \$1,000; Pension Office, Miss Emma Bushnell, clerk, \$1,200; Lindsay Perkins, clerk, \$1,200; and Benjamin Chavers, messenger boy, \$400; Patent Office, S. J. Boughton, third assistant examiner, \$1,800; Mrs. M. R. Colquitt, clerk, \$1,000; Geological Survey, James B. Stewart, junior clerk, \$1,350; Reclamation Service, William P. Marine, senior clerk, \$1,920.

JACK MOSBY IS DEAD
AFTER LONG ILLNESS

Son of Famous Confederate Cavalry Leader Succumbs To Throat Affection.

John S. Mosby, Jr., for many years a writer for Washington newspapers and periodicals of this and other cities, died yesterday at Emergency Hospital, where he had been confined for nearly a month following an operation for an affection of the throat.

He was in his fifty-second year and a son of the famous Confederate cavalry leader, Col. John S. Mosby. He was born in Warrenton, Va. In 1883 he was graduated from the law department of the University of Virginia with the degree of LL. D.

Later he went to Colorado, where he practiced law in Denver. Here he held a lecture chair in the Colorado School of Mines. The high altitude having affected his health he returned to Washington ten years ago and continued his literary work.

Besides his father, Mr. Mosby is survived by a brother, Beverly Mosby, of Spokane, Wash., two sisters, Mrs. Stuart M. Coleman, of this city, and Miss Pauline A. Mosby, of Baltimore. Funeral services will be held tomorrow at Warrenton, the old home of the Mosbys, where interment will also be made.

Hebrew Women to Meet.

The monthly business meeting of the Young Women's Hebrew Association will be held tonight at the association rooms, 1250 Tenth street northwest, it is announced.

275 Killed By Storm.

HOUSTON, Tex., Aug. 27.—According to a careful checking up, the tropical storm that visited the Texas coast ten days ago took 275 lives, 208 on land and 67 on water.

Hot Weather Bad For Women's Nerves

Season When They Most Need
Their Strength to Withstand the Heat.



Hot weather has a decidedly weakening effect on most women. They become too languid to exercise, and as a result have appetite only for light, tasty foods, like salads and other cold concoctions, which do not digest readily and increase the natural tendency to constipation.

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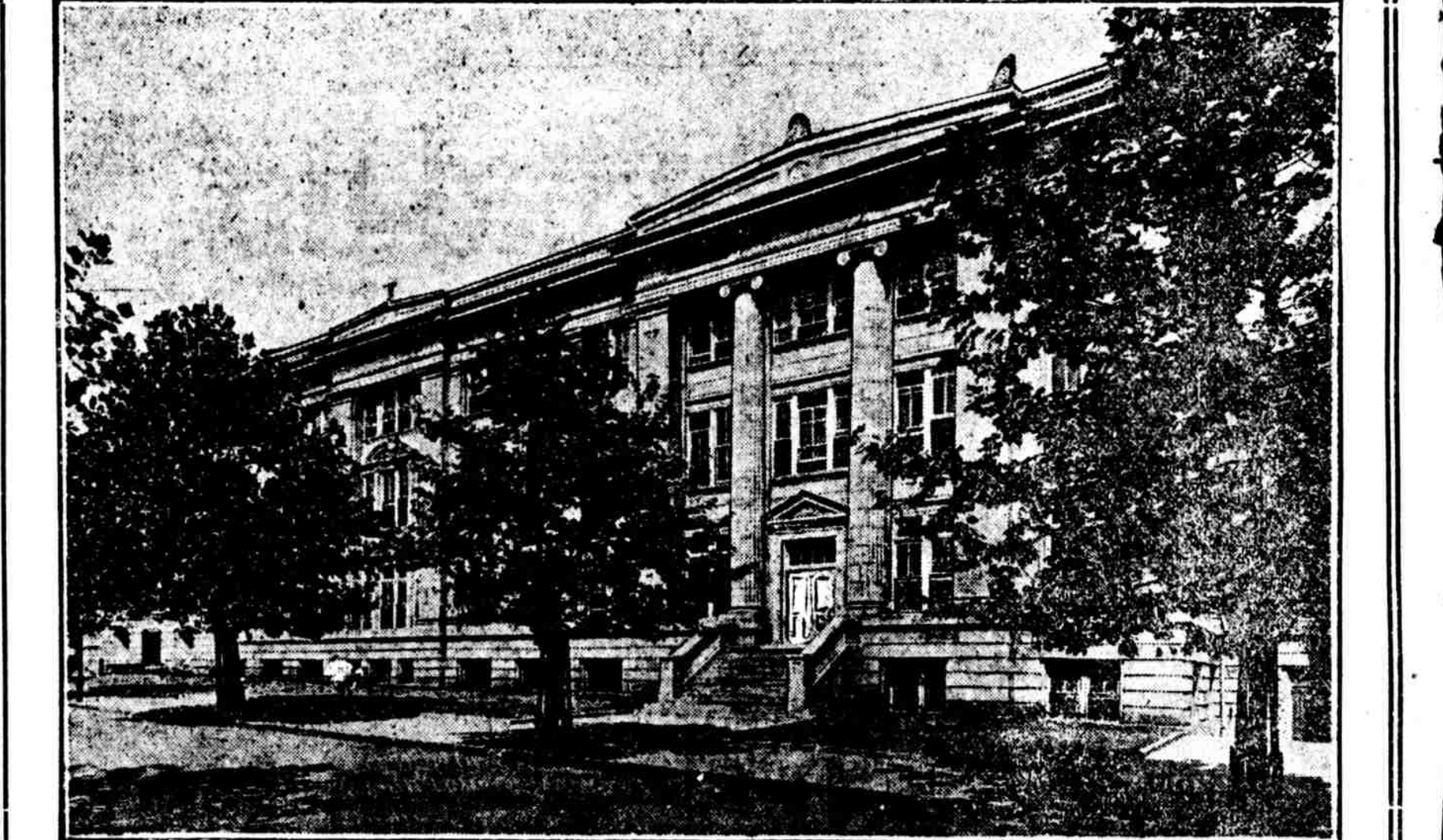
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